

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

ORDER FOR ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

MISC. ORDER #22

U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**FILED**

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The United States District Judges for the Northern District of Texas have ordered that the following distribution of cases in the Northern District of Texas be implemented:

JOSEPH McELROY, JR., CLERK  
by M. Crayton  
Chief Deputy Clerk

I

DALLAS DIVISION

- A. There shall be assigned to Judge W. M. Taylor ten percent (10%) of the civil cases filed.
- B. There shall be assigned to Judge Robert M. Hill eighteen percent (18%) of the civil cases filed and twenty percent (20%) of the criminal cases filed.
- C. There shall be assigned to Judge Robert W. Porter eighteen percent (18%) of the civil cases filed and twenty percent (20%) of the criminal cases filed.
- D. There shall be assigned to Judge Barefoot Sanders eighteen percent (18%) of the civil cases filed and twenty percent (20%) of the criminal cases filed.
- E. There shall be assigned to Judge Jerry L. Buchmeyer eighteen percent (18%) of the civil cases filed and twenty percent (20%) of the criminal cases filed.
- F. There shall be assigned to the vacant judgeship eighteen percent (18%) of the civil cases filed and twenty percent (20%) of the criminal cases filed.

The above assignment shall become effective immediately as to the assignment of criminal cases and the assignment of civil cases shall become effective when the present box from which the assignment of civil cases is drawn has been exhausted. No further civil cases shall be assigned to Judge Robinson. Until a new Judge has been sworn to fill the vacant judgeship, 25% of all criminal cases filed in the Dallas

Division shall be assigned to the four active Judges above named. All assignments shall be by random draw.

Any cases on Judge Robinson's Dallas docket which were filed prior to January 1, 1981 shall be assigned to the five active judgeships above listed but the draw on these cases shall be out of the new civil box when it is established.

Judge Robinson shall assign all of her other cases pending on the Dallas docket to Judge W. M. Taylor.

Judge Robinson, at her discretion, may maintain and complete any cases assigned to her that are at a stage either in pretrial or trial that would make it more feasible for them to be retained on her docket.

## II

### FORT WORTH DIVISION

Judge Eldon B. Mahon and Judge David O. Belew shall be assigned all criminal and civil cases in the Fort Worth Division and shall accordingly adjust between themselves the percentage to be assigned to each as well as a division of the pending cases which have been previously assigned.

## III

### AMARILLO AND WICHITA FALLS DIVISIONS

Judge Mary Lou Robinson shall be assigned and shall handle all civil and criminal cases filed in these two divisions. Judge Mahon will assign to Judge Robinson all cases in the Wichita Falls Division which are pending on his docket at the present time but he, at his discretion, may retain those cases which he deems would be more feasible to try on his docket rather than Judge Robinson's.

## IV

### LUBBOCK DIVISION

Judge Woodward will be assigned and handle all civil and criminal cases in this division.

V

SAN ANGELO DIVISION

All civil cases in the San Angelo Division shall be assigned to Judge Mahon, except those previously assigned to Judge Bunton. Judge Woodward will be assigned all criminal cases on the San Angelo docket.

VI

ABILENE DIVISION

One-fourth of the civil cases in the Abilene Division shall be assigned to Judge Belew and the other three-fourths of the civil cases and all criminal cases will be assigned and handled by Judge Woodward. Judge Woodward will assign by random draw one-fourth of the pending civil docket to Judge Belew.

VII

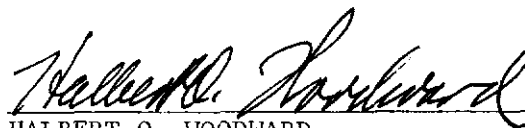
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In the event a Judge recuses himself from the trial of any case, then there shall be a random draw to assign another Judge of that division to that case. If there is no other Judge assigned to that division, the Chief Judge shall make the assignment. When a Judge does recuse himself and another Judge is assigned to a case, the recused Judge's card shall be replaced in the random draw box or boxes.

VIII

Other than the Dallas Division, for which a special provision has above been made, the above changes shall be implemented October 1, 1982 or as soon thereafter as feasible.

This order entered this 22nd day of September, 1982 at the direction of the Active Judges in the Northern District of Texas.



HALBERT O. WOODWARD

Chief Judge, Northern District of Texas